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Proposed New Independent Claim for Review

A device for lengthening bone parts

a guide element comprising a medullary nail having at each end means adapted to secure the medullary nail to opposed bone parts, the medullary nail having an elongate guide slot extending between each end of the medullary nail, the elongated guide slot is provided at one end with a bearing recess and at the other end with an end area for receiving a drive motor, a spindle member has one end mounted in the bearing recess and another end connected to the drive motor, a locking element engages with the spindle member and is movable along the spindle element back and further between the ends of the elongated guide slot by means of the drive motor, the locking element is adapted to carry a bone segment.